



# Red Crescent units planned for pilgrims

RIYADH, Sept. 14 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Red Crescent will open 39 emergency treatment centers in the holy places under a program that covers the pilgrimage areas, it was reported Monday.

The centers will be located between Makkah, Ararat, Muzdalifa, Mina and 21 of them will be incorporated in government complexes while 18 will operate independently. Some of the centers will have treatment clinics.

Doctors, nurses, technicians, other personnel and necessary equipment and medicine have been secured for the centers. The total number of personnel scheduled to work around the clock during the pilgrimage season reached 455 persons. Sixty ambulances, equipped with all necessary equipment, including advanced devices, sunstroke treatment equipment, are to be deployed. They will have radio communications with the Public Security to pick up accident reports and move to the scene as early as possible.

The society will also open seasonal centers

in various parts of the Kingdom, on roads which lead to Makkah as well as land, sea and air inlets in the country.

The seasonal centers will be opened at Jeddah Islamic Port, the sea pilgrims' city of Jeddah; King Abdul Aziz Airport of Jeddah; Yanbu Port; Medina Airport; land pilgrims' camp in Medina; near the holy Prophet's Mosque in Medina; the basic services complex in Jimiya; Halat Ammar; Houta Sudair; Hasi; the basic services camp in Riyadh on Khurais Road and Dyrab Road; on the Makkah-Jeddah expressway at the Shumaisa crossroads; on the Makkah-Jeddah expressway at the Bahra bridge and Khulais.

The society has recruited 320 temporary employees to work as emergency assistants, drivers and workers. The 55 seasonal centers are in addition to 65 permanent centers which also will operate round the clock.

In another development, Abdul Aziz Ghandour, director general of Mina development project, said Monday that a tunnel for pedestrians will be opened this year, linking the Mnaiseem area in Mina.

# Sultan opens army projects in S. Region

KHAMIS Meshait, Sept. 14 (SPA) — Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan laid the foundation stone of the third phase of the army personnel housing project here Monday.

At King Khaled Air Base, he opened the new mess hall, inspected some of its sections and donated SR100,000 to boost the activities of the club. From there, the prince proceeded to the projects' sites where he was briefed by the air base officials on the projects. The inspected projects included the turbine power plant and the projects of development of workshops, warehouses and technical section.

Later, the minister opened the new premises for the air base command and then headed toward an air defense center to watch some practical exercises on the use of modern air defense equipment. Some of the Royal Air Force fighter aircraft took part in the air exercises.

Prince Sultan also dedicated some building projects in which work has been recently completed. These included a few workshops and some residential units. In the afternoon, the prince inaugurated some new projects at the air base, which included a covered games hall and a cultural activity center. He then met with the base personnel who briefed him on the new projects which are under implementation at present.

The minister conveyed to the base personnel greetings from King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard. He expressed his pleasure over the progress achieved by all sections of the air base and said he was particularly impressed by the organization, discipline, regular training and excellent coordination among the members of the armed forces in the region.

Prince Sultan was accompanied by Prince Khalid Al-Faisal, governor of Asir; Prince Khaled bin Fahd bin Khaled; Maj. Gen. Yousuf Abdul Rahman Al-Rashed, region's commander; Lt. Gen. Muhammad Sabri and other high-ranking army officers.

# Contracts for new projects awarded

TAIF, Sept. 14 (SPA) — Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteb, also acting minister of municipal and rural affairs, Monday signed a SR31-million contract for adjusting storm water entrances to the main irrigation and drainage project canals in Hofuf. The contract was awarded to a national company.

Another SR2.8-million contract was awarded to a specialist company for supervising the project. The contract, to be completed in 550 days, provides for containing drainage water resulting from the operation of Hasi's storm water drainage project.

Other contracts awarded Monday included an SR50.3-million contract by the Southern Region Consolidated Electricity Company for expanding Bisha power station and network. The contract was signed by Abdul Rahman Abdul Mohsen Al-Tuwajri, the company's director general.

The contract includes the import and installation of two diesel generating plants with a capacity of 5.3 megawatts each. The two plants alone cost SR18.6 million. The contract was awarded to a specialist company and work is expected to complete within 13 months from the date of signing the contract.

The expansion of the electricity network will cover 23 villages in the Bisha area at a total cost of SR31.7 million. This section of the contract was awarded to a national company. Completion is expected within 17

months. Implementation will be in phases as to finish most parts of the network with the installation of the generating plants.

In a separate development, Justice Minister Sheikh Ibrahim bin Muhammad Al Sheikh, acting minister of agriculture and water, approved Monday the establishment of seven poultry farm projects which will cost collectively some SR170 million.

One project, located in Muzahimiya, east of Riyadh, will produce 13 million eggs annually. It will cost SR4.9 million to build. Another project, to be built in Kharj, will have an annual output of four million chickens.

The third project, also in Kharj, costing SR25.8 million will produce four million chickens a year. It will be set up in an area of 180,964 sq. meters. The fourth farm, to cost SR3.5 million, will also be built in Kharj to produce 4.4 million chickens annually.

Located in Raghib area, Dhalm, the fifth project will produce 1.2 million chickens a year and cost SR11.7 million. The sixth project will be set up in Mulaida area in Qasim and will produce one million chickens per annum. It will cost SR6.1 million. The seventh project will produce 12.4 million chickens annually and cost SR36.6 million. It will be established in Kharj.

These farms come in the context of projects encouraged by the Ministry of Agriculture and Water. They have been submitted to the Agricultural Bank for financing after studies carried by the ministry proved their economic feasibility.

In other news, Anak Municipality has awarded a SR2.2-million contract to a national company, officials reported Monday. The contract provides for cleaning the town for two years.

# MWL panels tackle Islamic issues

MAKKAH, Sept. 14 (SPA) — The committee set up by the Muslim World League Constituent Council's 23rd session resume meetings here Monday to discuss various Islamic topics. They include political, cultural, general, financial and administrative and drafting committees.

The council sent cables of thanks to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd hailing the

Kingdom's efforts in supporting Islamic Dawat (call), especially the assistance given to the MWL and its associated institutions. The council blessed the Kingdom's moves to save Jerusalem and unite Islamic peoples.

One of the major topics discussed by the political committee Monday was the issue of Jerusalem and Palestine.

# Mexico upholds Fahd's proposal

JEDDAH, Sept. 14 (SPA) — Mexico's Ambassador to the Kingdom Francisco Guzman said here Monday that Crown Prince Fahd's plan should be considered as a basis for the settlement to the Middle East problem.

The envoy said that Mexico was interested in the Saudi Arabian peace proposal and attached a special significance to it. He added that his country condemned Israel's repeated assaults on South Lebanon. Mexico also among the foremost countries which had denounced the Israeli attack on the Iraqi nuclear reactor in Baghdad, he said. He referred to the upcoming North-South summit conference in Cancun, Mexico, and said that Saudi Arabia's participation was important because of its political and economic standing at the world level.

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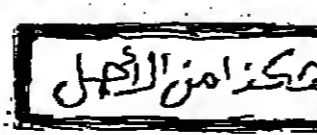
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ationals urged to work for security

Prince Naif endorses pilgrimage plan

JEDDAH, Sept. 14 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif Sunday endorsed the 1981-82 pilgrimage plan at a meeting of the Hajj Security Forces Command. He said maximum security will be extended to ensure an easy and comfortable stay for the pilgrims. Prince Naif urged all nationals to realize they themselves are security men, since security means security of the country, security for the nationals, security for pilgrims and security of expatriates. He said that national rendering a service in this field is generously rewarded by the Interior Ministry — morally by receiving a letter of appreciation or materially if he needs it. The meeting was attended by National Security Chief Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, Jaber Abdul Hafiz, commander of the Pilgrimage Security Forces; Maj. Gen. Ali Hafiz, commander of the Special Security Forces; Maj. Gen. Hashem Abdul Rahman, assistant national security chief for administrative affairs; Maj. Gen. Jamil Fayman, deputy commander of the Pilgrimage Security Forces for operations; and several officers. Addressing newsmen after the meeting, Prince Naif said this year's plan has taken into consideration all the shortcomings of previous years. He said the Kingdom must mobilize its potentialities to serve the pilgrims. This year's plan is accurate, flexible and easily implementable and everyone involved in it knows his role and is ready to do it. The most advanced equipment has been procured and the manpower factor has been strengthened, he added. Prince Naif said indications point to an increase in the number of pilgrims over last year but it is yet too early for concrete figures. Our main concern, he said, is to ensure

the safety and security of all pilgrims. He also said that this year there will be no tayazir (structures consisting of a mixture of wood and material) to house the pilgrims, because they easily catch fire. Tents are safer, he added. He also said that a committee has been set up under Makkah Governor Prince Majeed to decide whether the tents will be sprayed with insecticides this year or at a later date. Regarding traffic, the interior minister said that cars' movement will be banned around the Holy Haram in Makkah starting from the 4th Dhul Hijjah. But traffic will be brought to a halt throughout Makkah only as of the 7th of Dhul Hijjah after the Asr prayer and until the next day at the same time so pilgrims can move to Mina. After that, movement will resume normally. A statement will be issued giving all the details, the prince said.

Meanwhile, Al Medina reported Monday that the Saudi Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) has finalized its schedules for the pilgrimage season. In Makkah, buses will make return trips to and from the five parking areas outside the city to three terminals near the Holy Kaaba. The 24-hour service began as of Sunday. Special colors will be used on the tickets and the buses to indicate the parking of the bus is servicing. The parking number also will be written on the ticket. The fare will be SR5 from any of the five parking areas to any of the terminals. Tickets will have to be purchased before riding. SAPTCO will also operate between the holy places. The trip between Makkah and Mina will cost SR10 (white ticket); between Makkah and Arafat (blue ticket); between Mina and Arafat SR20 (red ticket); between Arafat and Muzdalifa SR10 (green ticket); and between Muzdalifa and Mina SR10 (dark green ticket). Makkah's internal itinerary will remain unchanged.

As for Medina, SAPTCO will operate three bus services from the airport to the Holy Prophet Mosque (SR5); from the Pilgrimage City to the Holy Prophet Mosque; and a SR10 Islamic sightseeing service from SAPTCO's terminal near the Holy Prophet Mosque. The tickets can be purchased near the Holy Haram, at the airport or at the Pilgrimage City. Medina's internal network will not be affected. SAPTCO has prepared a special card for its Jeddah network which is distributing freely.

It was also learnt Monday that the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones is placing five postal vans at the five parking lots outside Makkah to handle the domestic and international mail of the pilgrims. The post officials will sleep in the caravans which will supplement six other postal camps and the Mina unit. A PTT spokesman said that sorting this year will be done in Mina rather than Makkah. In a separate development, the commander of the Pilgrimage Security Forces for traffic said Monday that any car parked on the sidewalk in Makkah will be towed and confiscated for a month. Its owner will also be liable to a three-day prison sentence for impeding pedestrian traffic.

Welfare bodies aided

BEIRUT, Sept. 14 (SPA) — The Kingdom Monday granted assistance to several welfare, social and educational societies in Lebanon which amounted to LL1.29 million (SR941,700). The aid was handed over to the concerned societies by the Kingdom's ambassador to Lebanon, Ali Al-Shaar. Representatives of the societies expressed their gratitude for the Kingdom's kind gesture which will help them continue their activities.

BRIEFS

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah returned here from Riyadh Monday after honoring the 16th group of graduates of the Guard's military school. He was accompanied by his deputy, Prince Badr, Prince Abdullah and Prince Fahd were met at Al-Haweya airport by several officers from the National Guard and officials.

JEDDAH, — The chiefs of staff of Arab states in the Gulf Cooperation Council will meet next week. Al Medina reported Monday that the GCC General Secretariat is proceeding with the necessary arrangements for the meeting. The venue has not been disclosed.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The number of pilgrims arrived in the Kingdom until Friday reached 106,377 representing an increase of 60 persons, or 30 percent, compared to the same period last year. Of the total, 81,573 came by air, 22,206 by sea and 2,597 by land.

JEDDAH, — More than 10,000 Tunisians perform pilgrimage this year, a spokesman for the Tunisian embassy said Monday. He said that the first group will arrive Sept. 20, and that 8,000 will arrive by air from Tunis and the rest from various parts of the world.

ABUK, — The official 90-person Iranian pilgrimage mission arrived in the Kingdom Monday through Halat Ammar. It was the pilgrimage mission to enter the Kingdom year through Halat Ammar. Al Riyadh reported Monday.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The Senegalese ambassador here Mustapha Sissie Monday reported Monday the Kingdom's efforts during

the pilgrimage season which secure comfort and ease for pilgrims during the performance of religious rites. He said that all countries appreciate the efforts exerted by Saudi Arabia. Meanwhile, the number of Senegalese pilgrims this year amounts to 5,000. The Senegalese pilgrimage medical mission arrived in Jeddah Monday to prepare for the pilgrimage season.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Salem Sunbul, foreign ministry chief of protocol, received Monday the Bangladeshi ambassador-designate to the Kingdom, Muhammad Mohsen. The Bangladeshi envoy submitted copy of his credentials in preparation for his official presentation to King Khaled in due course of time.

TAIF, (SPA) — Iraqi Oil Ministry Undersecretary Abdul Munim Al-Samarrai left here Monday concluding a one-day visit during which he held talks with officials of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources. He was seen off by senior officials of the minister.

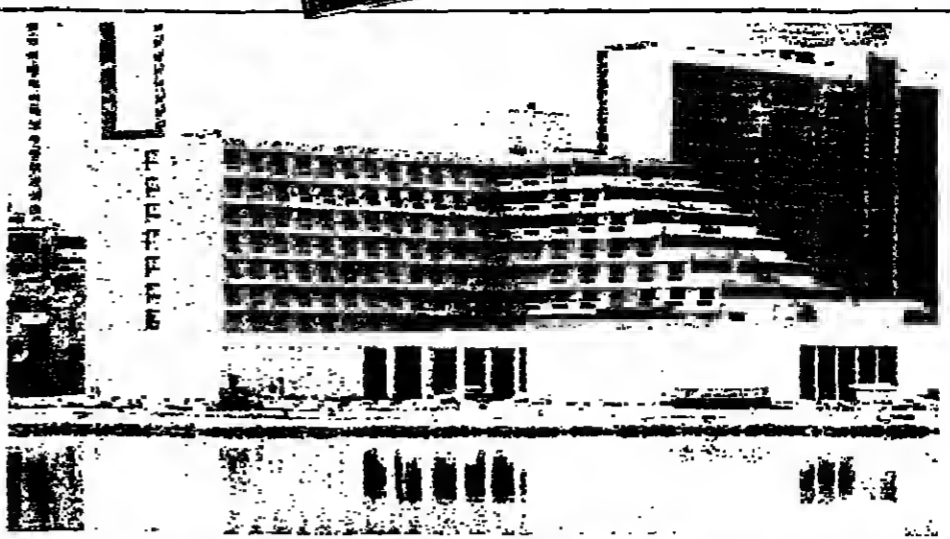
SANAA, (SPA) — North Yemeni Prime Minister Dr. Abdul Karim Al-Aryani Monday received the Kingdom's charge d'affaires here, Mahmoud Bidewi. The discussed existing cooperation between the two countries.

JEDDAH, — All car repair shops in Jeddah, Makkah, Medina Dhahran, Dammam and Khobar have been instructed not to fix up any car or any other means of locomotion unless a permit signed by the area's traffic or police commander has been obtained, no matter whether the vehicle had caused an accident or had been bumped, Al Medina reported Monday. In other areas, the signature of the police commander would be enough.

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CHANGING TIMES: The old Red Sea Palace Hotel was demolished in March, 1979, and now the new 270-room Red Sea Palace will open soon in its place.

New hotel sets latest building trend

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Sept. 14 — It could be a symbol of the times. The 20-year-old Red Sea Palace Hotel with its 105 bedrooms was torn down in 1979 and a new, modern Red Sea Palace Hotel has taken its place.

According to David Payne, sales manager, the old Red Sea Palace was the only first class hotel in Jeddah and it was not until the late 60s and early 70s that the other first class hotels and international chain hotels started appearing.

During its tenure, the Red Sea Palace Hotel stood unchallenged by the chain hotels and maintained an 80 to 100 percent occupancy rate. The average length of stay for a guest was five to six days although there were a number of long-term guests who stayed for about two to three months.

However, Payne said the hotel management, Gustar Hoteliers and Restaurateurs of Zurich, Switzerland, consider that there is still plenty of business available for a good

hotel, despite the present abundant stock of hotels, which has reduced occupancy rates. The cross-section of guest nationalities seems to have been very similar for the old hotel as is that of today, namely a minority of Europeans and Americans, although there was a high percentage of Japanese businessmen/entrepreneurs in Jeddah and the rest of the Kingdom, during the 60s and 70s to promote Japanese products and services, he added.

University senate members named

TAIF, Sept. 14 (SPA) — A royal directive has approved the members of Ummul Qura University's Senate, it was reported Monday. The newly-formed Makkah-based university will begin as an independent body after having been an affiliate of King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah.

The members' list which includes leading officials was proposed and submitted by Higher Education Minister Sheikh Hassan

Solidarity fund aids Gambia to boost agriculture

By Ahmad Shaaban JEDDAH, Sept. 14 — Habib Chatti, secretary general of the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference, Monday conferred with Baba Abu Bakr Drame, charge d'affaires of the Gambian embassy here. Discussions centered on OIC aid to Gambia after the abortive coup against the government of President Dawda Jawara.

The Islamic Solidarity Fund, a subsidiary organ of the OIC, will give Gambia 19 Land Rovers totaling \$248,045 to be used for agricultural purposes. A Gambian delegation called on OIC Assistant Secretary General for Cultural and ISF Affairs Abu Bakr Drame on September 3, and thanked him for the offer.

The contribution highlighted the importance of the Islamic Organization's assistance to reconstruct the country and neutralize the alien ideologies spread by those who tried to turn Gambia into a Marxist-Leninist state, the delegation said. The delegation was made up of Gambia's ambassadors to Saudi Arabia and Sierra Leone, deputy permanent secretary of the Ministry of Finance and Trade and the director of economic affairs of the Ministry of Planning and Industrial Development.

ibn Abdullah Al-Sheikh, chancellor of Saudi Arabian universities. The elected members include Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer; Civil Service Bureau President Sheikh Turki Khaled Al-Sudairi; King Abdul Aziz University Rector Dr. Abdullah Omar Nassif; Dammam's King Faisal University Rector Dr. Muhammad Said Al-Qahani and Sheikh Saleh Muhammad Jamal. The period of their appointment is three years.

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**Inducements spurned**

**Kabul draft plan draws protest**

NEW DELHI, Sept. 14 (R) — A military call-up which was reported to have sparked protests in Kabul has highlighted the Afghan government's problems in building up an army to quell insurgency.

The demonstrations last week, in which several people were said by diplomats to have been injured, followed an official announcement last Monday ordering discharged soldiers below the age of 35 back to the service. The protests were the most serious since about 100 conscripted policemen, incensed by the extension of their two-year tour of duty, went on the rampage in Kabul last December.

Since the state radio announced the new call-up, trucks have toured the capital making loudspeaker appeals to ex-servicemen to enlist. Western diplomatic sources said street patrols have also been set up to check identity papers. The conscription drive is the latest of several efforts over the past year to bolster the armed forces, facing a serious manpower shortage.

The total strength of the armed forces when Marxist rule was established in Afghanistan in April, 1978 was around 90,000 officers and men. Since then defections, casualties and purges have depleted the Afghan Army to about 30,000.

A major reason for the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan that brought President Bahrak Karmal to power 20

months ago was the Afghan Army's steady disintegration, which threatened to leave forces hostile to Moscow in control of the country. One of the tasks of the Soviet forces has been to put the Afghan troops in shape to face the challenge from rebels fighting against the Marxist government in Kabul.

In a speech last month, President Karmal told the armed forces: "Stability has been established to some extent in the cadres of the army and police... and the process of depletion of officers loyal to the revolutionary duties in the armed forces is ending."

Diplomats said the main problem confronting the government was desertion by Afghan soldiers, reluctant to fight anti-government rebels. Kabul has repeatedly offered amnesty to the deserters and the state radio claimed recently that many soldiers who had joined "shootouts and trouble makers" had returned and were now fighting against the "counter revolutionaries."

Offers of improved salaries and service conditions have been made to the troops in an apparent attempt to rally military support, boost morale and prevent desertion. President Karmal, who is commander-in-chief of the armed forces, said last month his government was trying to prove the "material and moral status and living conditions" of the troops.

This government's latest inducement to military officers is to allow them to retain land in excess of an official ceiling on land holdings

on condition that their children serve in the army.

The toughest and most organized conscription drive was launched in September last year when the government decreed compulsory military service for men aged between 21 and 46. Severe penalties were laid down for evading conscription or for desertion. But thousands of young men were said by diplomats to have defied the law and fled the country.

To widen recruitment, the government last January reduced the draft age by a year to 20 and offered financial inducements to soldiers who stayed on after their discharge. Graduates at present serve in the army for 12 months and non-graduates for two years.

Kabul-based diplomats have reported eye-witnesses as saying security forces forcibly pick up young men even below the conscription age of 20 years to draft them into the army. But an Afghan Defense Ministry official told Kabul radio this week that there had been no forcible recruitment.

Dagarwal Muhammad Nadir Dehqan, chairman of the Organization of the Ministry of Defense, said: "Sometimes, we take some people... to check whether they have completed their military service. They are let off if proved otherwise."

He said students below 20 cannot legally enlist, but added: "We will welcome them in the military and police force." To supplement military personnel, the government has formed volunteer defense groups drawn from the ruling Peoples Democratic Party's youth organization.

The Afghan media frequently publicize the departure of these armed young men called "soldiers of revolution" to the provinces to fight rebels and spread the Marxist message. In a statement on the controversial new enlistment order, Chief of General Staff Baha Jan said: "The government and the parts are resolved to increase the effectiveness of the armed forces and strengthen their war preparations. The mobilization of lieutenants and soldiers will make it possible to increase the effectiveness still further," he said.

**Pakistan tremor claims 10 lives**

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 14 (AP) — Ten persons were killed and five seriously injured Saturday when a moderately strong earthquake struck the northern Pakistan town of Naltar, about 60 kms north of Gilgit, officials have said.

The tremor, registering 5.7 on the Richter Scale, Sunday destroyed mud walled houses and damaged irrigation ditches in Naltar, part of the Gilgit administrative agency, Gilgit, the area's main town, is located 570 kms northeast of Islamabad.

**Israeli radio, TV silent as staff strikes**

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14 (Agencies) — Israel's state radio and television networks were silenced except for news bulletins Monday as 6,000 government telecommunications technicians went on a three-day "collective vacation" to press money demands.

The communications ministry called the action a wildcat strike and threatened to dock the employees' pay. The workers say government is refusing to pay them salary hikes promised long ago in return for increased productivity.

Meanwhile, bread price rises of about 27 percent were ordered Sunday night by the Israeli ministry of commerce and industry.

The Israeli treasury also said Sunday that a series of price hikes for other items would be announced in the next few days. The increases are moves to end the subsidizing of consumers. The price of gasoline (petrol) was raised here by 15 percent recently, and telecommunications rates were increased by 30 percent.

**Israeli shells hit Tyre area**

BEIRUT, Sept. 14 (AFP) — Three Israeli shells hit the Lebanese coast near Tyre late Sunday afternoon in the first artillery bombardment since the ceasefire last July, the Palestinian news agency Wafta reported here. It said the shells were fired from Bayada, Lebanon, which is 12 kms southeast of Tyre and 10 kms north of the Israel. There were no casualties, Wafta said.

The Agency recently reported that Palestinian positions were fired on several times by Israeli troops or Lebanese militias with lighter weapons than artillery.

**25 die or injured in Lebanon clashes**

BEIRUT, Sept. 14 (AFP) — As many as 25 persons were either killed or injured in violent weekend clashes between rival Lebanese factions, press reports said Monday. Heavy weapons and mortars were used in the clashes near Nasser in western south Lebanon, setting several houses on fire.

The fighting was halted only after intervention by the Palestinian Forces Coordination Committee. In previous clashes between the two groups in Beirut, 20 persons were killed and 80 wounded.

**Husak leaves Aden**

ADEN, Sept. 14 (R) — President Gustav Husak of Czechoslovakia left Monday after a one-day visit to South Yemen at the end of a Middle East tour that also took him to Libya and Ethiopia.

**Weinberger to visit Cairo**

**Egypt-U.S. maneuvers planned for November**

CAIRO, Sept. 14 (AP) — Egyptian and American troops are to hold joint exercises in November, Egyptian Defense Minister Gen. Abdul Halam Abu Ghazala was quoted as saying Monday in early editions of the weekly Mape newspaper.

The number of troops who are to participate on both sides has not yet been decided, Abu Ghazala said and the choice of units is not definite. This would be the third instance of joint Egyptian-American military exercises.

In 1980, a Squadron of American Air

Force Phantom F-4E fighter jets trained with the Egyptian Air Force for 90 days between July and October, in November of the same year, 1,400 U.S. troops, the heralded Rapid Deployment Force, spent two weeks in the desert on joint maneuvers with the Egyptian Army.

Mape newspaper, put out by the ruling National Democratic Party, added that U.S. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger, would be visiting Egypt soon after the conclusion of the joint maneuvers, "toward the end of December."

**On re-entry into Commonwealth**

**India said opposing Pakistan**

NEW DELHI, Sept. 14 (AP) — India is opposed to the reported plans of some nations to readmit Pakistan into the 44-nation Commonwealth, *The Statesman* newspaper reported Sunday.

Although Pakistan so far has not formally sought readmission to the association of nations who were formerly in the British empire, there has been speculation that the Commonwealth heads of governments meeting beginning Sept. 30 in Melbourne, Australia, may extend an invitation to it to rejoin. The independent newspaper said Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser sounded Indian leaders about Pakistan's readmission during his short visit to New Delhi

last July. It said Britain also was eager to see Pakistan, "a hulk against further Russian inroads," back in the Commonwealth.

Pakistan left the Commonwealth in 1972 after Britain granted diplomatic recognition to Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan, which became independent in a civil war backed by Indian troops. *The Statesman* said India's position is that Pakistan quit the Commonwealth on its own and that nothing had changed since it took the decision for it to be invited to rejoin the association.

The newspaper added that some smaller Commonwealth members were unhappy that attempts were made to induct Pakistan because of that country's recent alignment with the United States.

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Moscow calls it 'patent lie'

# Anti-Sadat Russian plot alleged

CAIRO, Sept. 14 (Agencies) — Egyptian newspapers Monday published accounts of a plot against the government involving Russian diplomats detained during President Anwar Sadat's internal crackdown this month.

The plot, weekly newspaper of the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP), said that was also planning a small cabinet huffe and the appointment of new provincial governors later this month. The government-controlled Cairo press said the plot involved had unearthed links between the Soviet and Hungarian embassies and eight opposition politicians, university lecturers and journalists. (The Soviet news agency Tass Monday refuted as "patent lies" Egyptian charge).

The eight, including former Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al-Zayyat, were among the 1,500 people arrested 11 days ago in a government round-up of religious and political critics.

The first report of a Soviet plot appeared in the press but later editions of the main Cairo dailies, *Al-Ahram* and *Al-Akhbar*, carried identical stories. According to the dailies, Al-Zayyat, who served under President Sadat in the early 1970s, was leader

of a coalition grouping that included Communists from the leftist Unionist Progressive Party (UPP), Muslim Brotherhood members and Nasserites.

Mayo said that Al-Zayyat, in recent years a UPP supporter, held several meetings with two Soviet diplomats, providing them with information on Islamic groups and opposition politicians. The reports identified the diplomats as Evgueni Zharov, a first secretary for cultural affairs who left Egypt last year, and First Secretary Valery Vlasov.

Mayo said the Kremlin wanted to topple the pro-Western Egyptian government because it was the main obstacle to Soviet control of Egypt.

The newspaper also said one of the most prominent figures arrested in this month's crackdown, journalist Muhammad Heikal, was accused of inciting sectarian strife in articles about Islamic groups. Heikal, former editor of *Al-Ahram* and one of the most powerful men in Egypt during the rule of former President Nasser, has rarely written for the Egyptian press in recent years.

A statement from Egypt's foreign press association voiced "deep concern" about the expulsion of Jean Pierre Peroncel-Hugoz,

Cairo correspondent of the French newspaper *Le Monde*.

Peroncel-Hugoz, given a week to leave the country, was the second foreign journalist to be ordered out of Egypt since the crackdown. The state information department Sunday accused him of distorting facts.

The ring was part of a grand Communist scheme using the civil strife between Christian Copts and extremist Muslims to overthrow Sadat by working with members of the opposition, the paper said. It said that behind the plot were KGB intelligence agents from Hungary and the Soviet Union.

Related to the plot was an alleged secret plan between the Egyptian Coptic church and a Lebanese merchant to train 1,300 Copts in Christian Phalangist military camps of Lebanon, Mayo claimed. It said former Lebanese President Charles Helou was trying to form a pan-Arab Christian organization to support the Christians in the Arab world as a counter to the Muslim Brotherhood.

Heikal was among those arrested because he planned to publish a newspaper with the help of Pope Shenouda III. The Pope offered to donate \$1.2 million to increase religious tension, Mayo said.

Pope Shenouda III was stripped by Sadat of state recognition as leader of the Coptic church during the crackdown. There are about six million Copts in Egypt, which has a 43 million population. Sadat's crackdown followed the riots between Christians and Muslims last June when 17 people were killed, according to government figures. Western diplomats say the actual figure was between 70 and 80.

A Soviet embassy spokesman said Monday that two of the diplomats left the country a long while ago and two of the journalists were expelled last October.

### Political freedom at an end

## Sadat strives to stifle opposition

CAIRO, Sept. 14 (R) — Stamping down religious and political critics, President Sadat has shown a tough new face to the world as he strives to stifle the impact of opposition in Egypt.

Although religious fanaticism has been the declared goal of this month's major crackdown, the arrests and purges have raised his about how much genuine political freedom will survive. There are now signs of a new concern here that President Sadat, hitherto thought by the West as a centimeter and moderate, has harmed his image in the countries whose support Cairo needs.

The president tacitly acknowledged this in his summoned foreign correspondents in his home village and said he felt a responsibility toward the people of the United States and Europe to explain why he had launched the toughest internal campaign of 11-year rule. He again claimed sectarian and irresponsible political opposition as reason for his action.

Although he has shut down the opposition's leading newspaper, *Al-Shaab* (the people), and arrested some of its most prominent members, he repeatedly claimed he was silencing the opposition. Isolated by the world because of his peace treaty with Israel and reliance on American military aid, Sadat has clearly been anxious to ensure the West his government is stable. He said he did not launch the crackdown

because of any threat to his regime. Western diplomats here agree that the president faced no short-term challenge and generally accept that for internal peace some sort of action had to be taken against the opposition. But included on the list of 1,536 detainees are names that have never been linked to the religious strife which developed last summer into bloody street battles between Muslims and Christian Copts.

Among them are former politicians who have ceased to be publicly active, prominent members of Egypt's small and weak opposition, journalists, lawyers and a well-known feminist. About the only thing they have in common is a dislike of the government.

Sadat has called them traitors. Government opponents held in previous, far smaller round-ups have usually been released after a few days' questioning. According to official statements, the questioning of the detainees has not begun and even those who may be found to have committed no offence seem to face weeks under arrest. Egyptian law allows the authorities to hold them for 60 days before starting legal proceedings.

In the past few days Sadat has also appeared anxious to refute any parallel between events here and in Iran.

As "father of the Egyptian family", Sadat says it is his duty to save the misguided son from joining numerous societies which have now been dissolved and their leaders arrested.

## Ali arrives in Tokyo for 5-day visit

TOKYO, Sept. 14 (Agencies) — Egyptian Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali arrived here from Peking Monday following his visit to North Korea. Ali will stay in Japan for five days during which he will meet with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda and other Japanese government leaders.

In his meeting with Sonoda, the Egyptian foreign minister was expected to discuss the Middle East situation, economic cooperation between Japan and Egypt, and Sadat's visit to Japan.

Ali said in Peking earlier President Sadat will make an official visit to China shortly. Ali was speaking at a press conference on his return to Peking after a brief trip to the North Korean capital, Pyongyang. He said Sadat would visit China after he goes to Japan, and indicated that details of the trip were still to be worked out by Peking and Cairo. He gave no further details.

He said his talks with North Korean President Kim Il Sung had been "very cordial". Asked to comment on the recent crackdown and arrests in Egypt, he said "some opponents try to make use of the democracy in a very wrong way" and that the time had come "to implement the law".

## Mintoff begins Gulf tour

VALLETTA, Sept. 14 (R) — Maltese Prime Minister Dom Mintoff left Monday on a tour of Gulf states seen as part of a government campaign to attract Arab investment in Malta.

The itinerary of Mintoff's tour at the head of a six-man delegation has not been announced apart from a visit to Abu Dhabi but it was thought it would include Saudi Arabia. A Saudi Arabian delegation visited Malta last month to assess possible aid to the island.

Mintoff is particularly anxious to attract investment in a new shipbuilding yard near Valletta.



Dom Mintoff

## Second blast victim dies in Israel

TEL AVIV, Sept. 14 (AP) — A second Italian tourist died from head wounds he received in a bomb blast in Jerusalem's old city Saturday, a hospital spokesman said Monday.

The Italian consulate identified the victim as Gallo Aldo, 55, from Turin. Another pilgrim from Turin was killed immediately Sunday in the grenade explosion and 23 other Italians were wounded. Thirteen others were still under hospital care Monday, three of them with serious injuries.

The tourists reportedly were returning to their hotel when the blast occurred at a souvenir shop.

The Israeli government has vowed to step up security for tourists, but tourism officials say they expect the attack to cause a drop in the number of tourists. No arrests have been reported. While most of the victims were Italians, several Palestinians were also wounded in the attack, police said. Two weeks ago, a German tourist was shot dead during an attack.

### Chadian leader blames Libya

MOUNDOU, Chad, Sept. 14 (AP) — Libya has been attempting to destabilize southern Chad since the beginning of the month by encouraging a series of mutinies in army garrisons throughout the region, according to Vice President Abdul Kadar Kamougue.

Col. Kamougue told the Associated Press here Sunday that he believed the mutinies among the enlisted men in Chad's National Army (FAT) in the towns of Moundou, Doba, Koumra and Sarh were planned in the capital N'Djamena to furnish an excuse for Libyan troops to move into the south. "I'm tempted to say that the Libyans were looking for a chance to intervene in the south, the only part of the country that works," the 42-year-old southerner and former FAT commander said. "But it didn't work out because the conditions here weren't right."

### Tremor rocks Crete

HERAKLION, Greece, Sept. 14 (R) — A strong earth tremor shook the island of Crete Monday but police said there were no reports of casualties or damage.

Atheos observatory said the tremor occurred at 2:34 a.m. (2:34 GMT) and registered 5.3 points on the Richter Scale. Its epicenter was 400 kms southeast of Athens.

### BRIEFS

LONDON, (R) — The ruler of Dubai, Rashid Bin Said Al-Maktoum is making steady progress at London's Wellington hospital where he is undergoing medical treatment, a spokesman for the ruler said Monday. James Leat, who described himself as a friend of the family, said from the hospital that the Sheikh had been admitted for treatment two weeks ago. He would not disclose the nature of the illness. Sheikh Rashid is the vice-president and the prime minister of the United Arab Emirates.

ABU DHABI, (AFP) — Gambia's Foreign Minister Lam Ne Kitta met the United Arab Emirates' Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Rachad Abdallah here Sunday. Abdallah said he and Kitta discussed bilateral relations, the Middle East situation, Afro-Arab cooperation and other matters of mutual interest. The Gambian minister's visit is part of a current tour of the Gulf region.

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**After two setbacks**

# Jailed IRA guerrilla joins hunger strike

BELFAST, Sept. 14 (AP) — Convicted Irish Republican Army guerrilla Gerard Hodgins refused breakfast in his cell in Northern Ireland's Maze Prison Monday to join a hunger strike by six other jailed nationalists, the Northern Ireland Office reported.

Hodgins, 21, is the 22nd nationalist to refuse food since the hunger strike was launched March 11 in a bid to force the British government to treat jailed guerrillas as virtual prisoners of war. He is also the youngest man to join the fast on which 10 hunger strikers have starved themselves to death. The British refuse to make any concessions to the prisoners while the fast continues.

The almost exclusively Roman Catholic IRA's "Provisional" wing and its splinter groups are fighting to push the British out of Northern Ireland. They seek to reunite the Protestant-dominated province with the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic.

Hodgins, from the flashpoint Turf Lord district of Catholic west Belfast, was jailed for 14 years in November, 1977, for possessing a semi-automatic revolver. Hodgins shared a cell for a time two years ago with Bobby Sands, the IRA leader who launched the hunger strike. Sands died May 5 on his 66th day without food, the first of the hunger strikers to die.

Hodgins was the first convicted guerrilla to join the hunger strike, since it suffered two big setbacks last week when the families of two hunger strikers authorized medical attention for them and the splinter Irish National Liberation Army said its men in the Maze will scale down their participation in the death fast.

Altogether, four families have intervened to take their men off the fast since July. A fifth abandoned the strike in May because of a perforated stomach ulcer that doctors warned would be fatal unless treated.

Hodgins' action is part of an IRA effort to step up the number of hunger strikers to eight at a time when the strike appeared to be on

the wane. Another IRA man in the Maze was expected to join the hunger strike next Monday. The longest surviving hunger striker at present is INLA guerrilla Liam McLosky, who was on his 43rd day without food Monday. His condition was reported "stable."

All efforts to end the hunger strike, which has given the IRA's "Provisional" wing a major political and propaganda boost, have so far failed amid an upsurge of violence. At least 56 persons have been killed in Northern Ireland since the fast began. A report on conditions in the prison prepared by the International Red Cross will be presented to the government later this week.

The Northern Ireland Office (NIO) does not expect any important criticism of the prison regime and is likely to make the report public. A three-man Red Cross inspection team spent five days visiting Northern Ireland's four main prisons, including the Maze near Belfast, in July. They spoke to hunger strikers, prison staff, governors and the NIO.

Meanwhile, security officials said Sunday they had defused 10 homemade mortar bombs that had been preset and aimed at a police station in Bessbrook.

**Ignorant about NATO**

MADRID, Sept. 14 (R) — Nearly half the people in Spain do not know that NATO is a Western military alliance and only 29 percent of those who do know believe that Spain should join, according to an opinion poll published Monday. The poll was published in the economic weekly *Nuevo Lunes* (New Monday) as the Spanish Parliament prepares to debate government plans to apply for membership of NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

It said 47 percent of the people polled did not know what NATO was. Of the 53 percent who knew, 29 percent were in favor of Spanish membership and 49 percent were against it.

# Poll shows U.K. favors SDP alliance

LONDON, Sept. 14 (AP) — Britain's newest political party, the Social Democrats, must form an alliance with the middle-road Liberals to stand a chance of winning the country's next general election, *The Times* newspaper reported Monday.

Without each other, both the SDP and Liberals would come in behind the two leading parties, the ruling Conservatives and Labor, the paper added. Other trends outlined in a new Gallup Poll conducted for *The Times* showed that the Conservative Party of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is continuing to lose ground across the country and that both major parties are losing trade union support to the SDP.

The poll showed that a Liberal-SDP alliance would win 41 percent of the national vote in a general election — the same figure given in another Gallup poll for *The Daily Telegraph* last month and indicating support for a merger is being maintained. Labor would get 31 percent of the vote and the Conservatives 25 percent, *The Times* said.

But if no SDP-Liberal alliance was formed, the poll showed, Labor would win the election with 39 percent of the votes, followed by the Conservatives with 30 percent, Social Democrats with 16 and Liberals slipping from the third to the fourth most supported party with 13 percent.

An alliance between the Liberals and the SDP would prove popular in an election among all sectors of the population except the working class who would vote Labor and in the north of England and Scotland where Labor would win again, the poll showed.

It said that at present, the SDP's weakest point is women voters and voters over the age of 65. But it is proving very popular with men, trade union members, house-owners and voters between the ages of 25 and 34.

The SDP last week gained its 16th defecting lawmaker in the House of Commons. Fifteen Laborites disillusioned with the growing ultra-leftist trend of their party, and one Conservative, have so far joined the party since it was formed in March.

# Phillips denies report about marital problems

LONDON, Sept. 14 (AP) — Capt. Mark Phillips, husband of Britain's Princess Anne, has denied an Australian newspaper report that his marriage to Queen Elizabeth II's daughter is on the rocks.

The 32-year-old former cavalry officer snapped at reporters Sunday night when asked if the report in the *Sydney Sunday Telegraph* was unfounded: "Yes. You should know better than to even ask me."

Buckingham Palace officials declined comment on the report. A spokesman noted: "We really have nothing to say about rumors like this."

Phillips' father, food magnate Peter Phillips, dismissed the Australian report as "malicious and hurtful speculation." The *Sydney* newspaper said the queen was upset by rumors that her daughter's four-year-old marriage was in trouble, particularly by reports of a "close relationship" with a "television personality."

The paper did not identify the woman. But British TV star Angela Rippon, who

became a popular figure as the British Broadcasting Corporation's first female newscaster, was quoted by the *Saw* daily in London as denying it was her. Both the *Sydney* paper and the *Saw* are owned by Australian press baron Rupert Murdoch.

Ms. Rippon, 36, is writing a book about her marriage with Phillips and has played several times at Gatcombe Park, the Phillips' home in Gloucestershire southwest of London.

The *Saw* quoted Ms. Rippon who is married to businessman Christopher Dare, as saying: "The marriage of Princess Anne and Capt. Phillips is one which does not show even the slightest sign of a hairline crack, let alone breaking up." She denied having "a close relationship" with the handsome captain. "Only a good working relationship."

She added: "It's difficult to make a denial when no specific allegations being made, instead, I'm being made the subject of innuendo."

## Over shoddy toys

# Ecuador coalition may fall

QUITO, Sept. 14 (AFP) — Ecuador Monday faces the most serious government crisis since democracy was restored two years ago — all on account of a consignment of shoddy Christmas toys.

Monday's vote of confidence in the Chamber of Representatives could bring down Prime Minister Carlos Feraud-Blum and his center-left coalition cabinet, also under attack for the economy and two incidents involving left-wing guerrillas.

Now the opposition and even some of the ruling majority groups have vehemently criticized the government for "administrative irregularities" involving the purchase of \$400,000 worth of toys last Christmas. The toys, bought as presents for the children of the nation's policemen, turned out to be sadly substandard and the disgruntled fathers raised a furor of protest.

In his defense, Feraud-Blum, who is also minister of the interior, admitted before the chamber last week that the toy fiasco was the result of "administrative mistakes." His coalition, comprising the Concentration of Popular Forces (CFP) Party, Popular Democracy-Christian Democratic Union, and independents, managed to field a 35-seat majority at a recent vote to appoint a new speaker to the chamber.

That majority could well come apart at Monday's vote of confidence. For though none of the parties has yet taken an official stance in the matter, some of their representatives have already indicated in press inter-

views that it will be difficult to hold the majority together — despite the impressively candid way in which the prime minister has handled his defense.

Feraud-Blum's government, which has been in power since April 1979, has recently been under fire over two incidents involving left-wing guerrillas. One concerned the occupation of the Ecuadorian Embassy in Havana, the other the forcible repatriation of a group of Colombian M-19 rebels who crossed into Ecuador last month.

BERLIN, El Salvador, Sept. 14 (AP) — Government troops said Sunday they had completely successfully a five-day sweep against leftists operating in and around this small southeastern city.

About 500 soldiers, including commandos from the U.S.-trained "Atlatl" assault brigade, began fighting Tuesday with them in Usulután province. No official reports on the end of the operation were available. But soldiers stationed around Berlin told reporters at least 50 leftists died in the fighting.

The soldiers, none of whom was willing to be identified, said rebel forces apparently withdrew from the region late Sunday. The troops claimed to have destroyed several rebel camps. Earlier Sunday, an army spokesman said the operation had "yielded favorable results."

The spokesman, who also declined to be identified, said security forces in and around

# U.S. 6th Fleet blamed for missile blast

MILAN, Italy, Sept. 14 (AP) — A missile that an Italian pilot says narrowly missed his DC-9 jetliner was probably fired from a U.S. 6th Fleet ship during an exercise in the Tyrrhenian Sea, a leading Italian newspaper said Sunday. No 6th Fleet spokesman was available for comment at U.S. Navy headquarters in Naples.

Capt. Braido Torrisolo of the domestic ATI Airline filed a report saying the missile exploded about 10 kms from his plane the night of Aug. 8. The postal flight, carrying a five-man crew and no passengers, was flying from Palermo, Sicily to Rome. Initial accounts said the missile was launched during a naval exercise but did not identify the forces involved.

Milan's *Corriere Della Sera*, Italy's largest circulation daily, said a notice of the 6th Fleet exercise was issued Aug. 6 by the Italian Air Force Communications and Flight Center. The notice to navigators, the newspaper said, reported firing practice would take place from 1400 Aug. 7 to 0200 Aug. 8 in an area near Ustica island north of Sicily up to an altitude of 20,000 feet.

A spokesman for the Italian Communications and Flight Center, Gen. Cesare Fazzino, said Saturday that the DC-9 could not have been "in any danger." He said the plane was at least 40.7 kms from the nearest point of the military exercise area when the pilot reportedly witnessed the explosion shortly after midnight.

The reported incident occurred in the same general area where a DC-9 of the now-defunct Italian airline Itavia crashed after an airborne explosion on June 27, 1980, killing all 81 persons aboard. An investigation has failed to determine the cause of the crash.

# Leftists routed, Salvador claims

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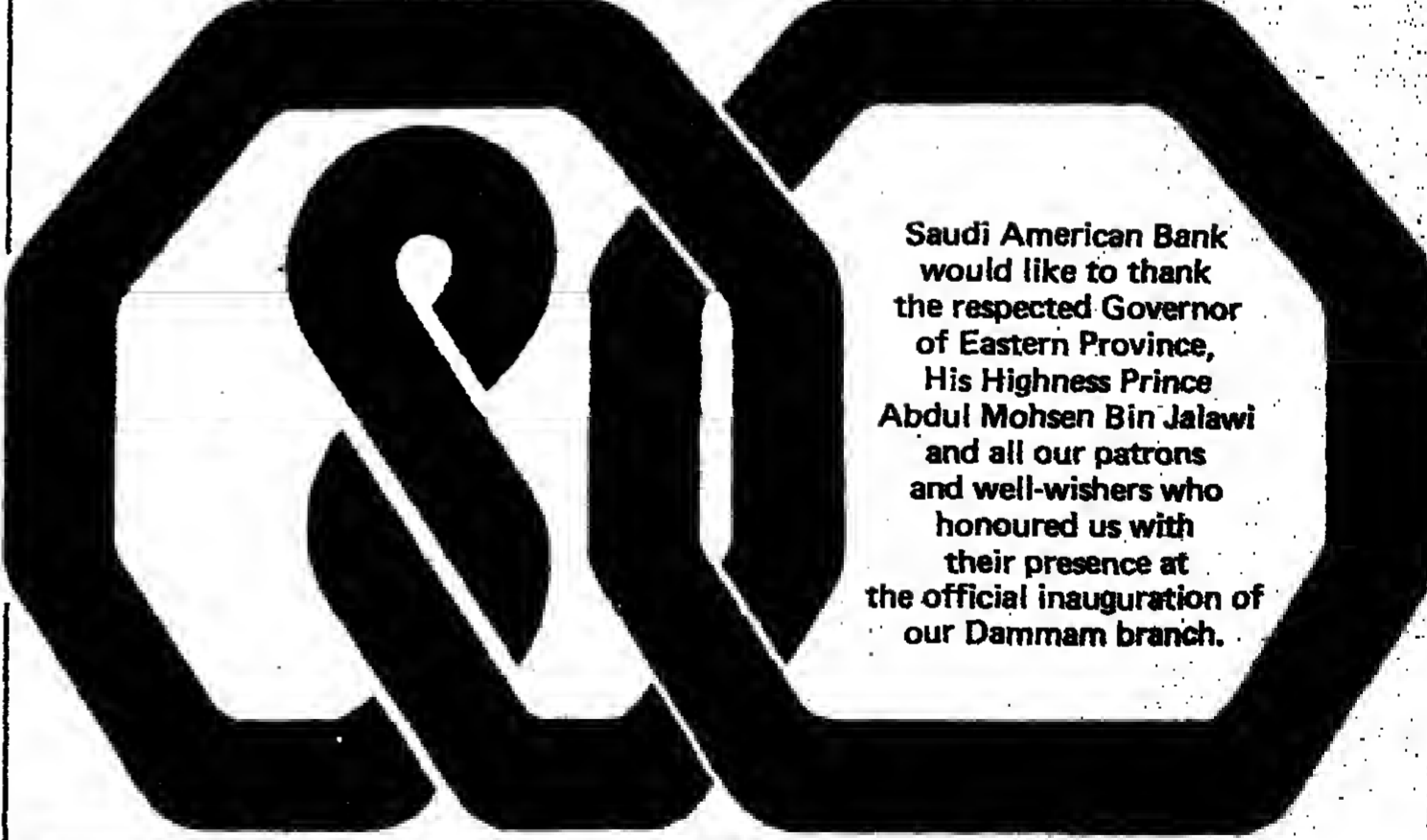
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# West protests Berlin parade

BERLIN, Aug. 14 (R) — The Berlin Wall entered the 21st year of its existence Friday, still one of the most tangible and controversial symbols of East-West conflict. In California, U.S. President Ronald Reagan called the wall proof of a colossal failure of communism and said it symbolized "the imprisonment of millions of Germans."

In Moscow, the official Soviet news agency Tass hailed the wall as a "defensive shield" which had "cut the ground from under the feet of the warmongers." A parade of armed militia and units of the East German National People's Army on East Berlin's Karl Marx Avenue Thursday drew an official protest to Moscow from the three Western allies, Britain, France and the United States, which officially govern West Berlin.

It said the parade violated the "demilitarized status of Berlin" and was all the more deplorable because it was intended to commemorate "the illegal and inhuman construction of the Berlin Wall in defiance of fundamental human rights." The Western allies regard East Berlin as the Soviet sector of the occupied city and direct all protests to the Kremlin.

The city itself seemed strangely quiet early Friday after the past few days of mounting protest and anger in the West and Thursday's military show and proud speeches in the East. In East Berlin, the red banners and hoardings praising the "anti-fascist protection wall" will remain for a few days.

The crosses of remembrance to those killed attempting to flee to the West are permanent fixtures in West Berlin, but West Berliners rarely pass by the bleak areas that once were central Berlin.

To visit friends or family in the East they still have to give two days' notice and change 25 marks (\$1) into eastern money for every day of their stay. They are allowed 30 days a year.

But Europe's most drab yet daunting tourist attraction continues to draw the crowds. Day-trippers of many nationalities also come to watch uneasily the goose-stepping change of guard at East Berlin's memorial to the victims of fascism and militarism.

# Soviets moot arms ban in outer space

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 14 (AFP) — The Soviet Union has proposed banning all sorts of weapons in outer space and attacking space vehicles of other countries.

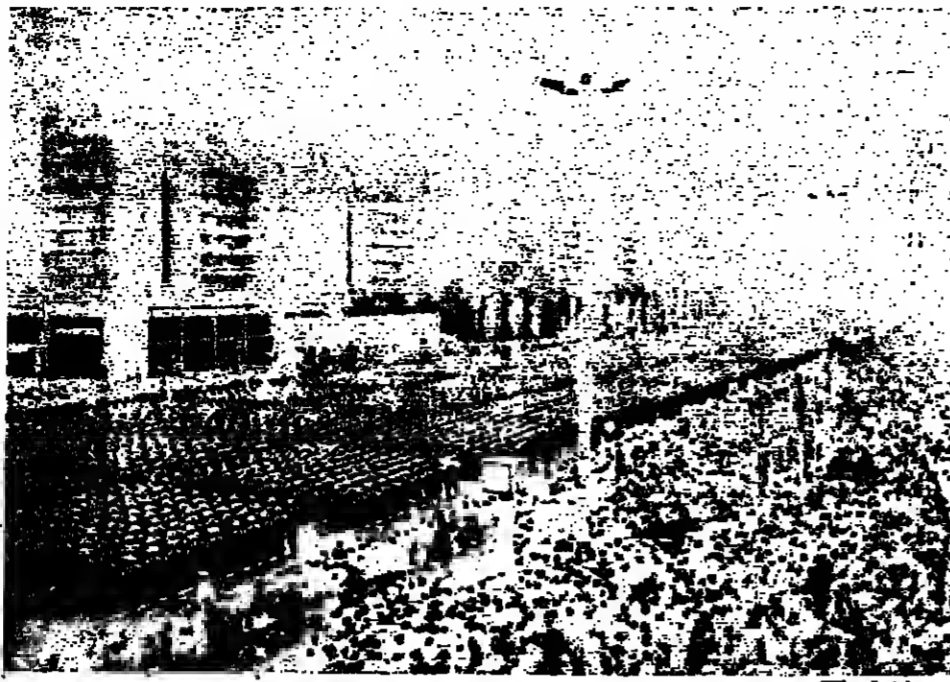
A letter from Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko to United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim Thursday pointed out that a 1967 treaty already banned weapons of mass destruction. But there was a growing danger that other kinds of arms might be carried in space shuttle vehicles, he indicated.

Gromyko sent the draft of a nine-point treaty to be submitted to the United Nations Assembly that will convene next Sept. 15.

The draft warned that "habitable reusable spacecraft of the present type" (apparently meaning the U.S. space shuttle vehicles) might be used to stock weapons. The treaty would ban weapons of any type in space, or on celestial bodies including the moon.

Article 3 of the pact would ban attacks on spacecraft of other countries, hindering their functions or changing their trajectory if they were not violating the treaty. (There has been speculation that the American space shuttle would be useful for destroying spy satellites.)

Countries signing the treaty would use their own technical means to verify that other countries were not violating the agreement. The signers would also promise not to interfere with the verification means of other countries.



BERLIN PARADE: Armed militia and units of the East German army parade Thursday at East Berlin's Karl Marx Avenue on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Berlin Wall.

# Mitterrand sees Reagan in October

SANTA BARBARA, California, Aug. 14 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand will have private talks with President Ronald Reagan in October when he goes to the 200th anniversary celebrations of the Battle of Yorktown which ended the American Independence War, official sources said here Friday.

The meeting will be the second top-level contact between the two presidents. They had a private meeting at the Ottawa economic summit of Western industrial nations in July.

After visiting Yorktown, on the Vir-

ginia coast, on Oct. 17 and 18, Mitterrand is expected to go to Washington and then New York, before traveling to Mexico for the North-South summit at Cancun.

The presence of the French President at Yorktown and at a special dinner being hosted by Reagan at Williamsburg recalls the role played by the French in the Independence War against the British.

French troops led by Lafayette and Rochambeau fought alongside George Washington's forces and played a vital role in forcing the surrender of the British troops under Cornwallis to end the war.

# 13 die in U.K. 'copter fall

LONDON, Aug. 14 (R) — All 13 men aboard a twin-engine helicopter bringing workers ashore from gas rigs off eastern England were believed to have died when it plunged into the sea. The crash Thursday was the worst involving a British helicopter and an oil company official said it seemed to have been caused by "something catastrophic."

It was the second helicopter crash in the North Sea oil and gas fields in two days. (On Wednesday one oil rig worker was killed and 13 men were plucked from the sea off Scotland when a machine crashed.) Eight bodies were winched from the sea Thursday night and a Royal Air Force spokesman said a ninth sank.

"Chances of finding any survivors are now nil," he said. The coastguard, however, held out a glimmer of hope. "The only chance now is that the cabin did not break up and there's one or two of them trapped in an air lock," a coastguard official said. The Wessex helicopter, with its two-man crew, was bringing 11 Amoco Oil Company maintenance workers

ashore from rigs in the Leman Bank Gas Field.

The cause of the crash was a mystery. It occurred in calm weather and the sea was flat. The helicopter appeared to have hit the water with some force, rescuers said. "It looked a pretty disastrous crash," said Royal Air Force rescue pilot flight Lt. Stuart Mould. "The only thing I can assume is that it must have been something catastrophic which caused this accident," said Brendan McKedown, Amoco exploration's divisional manager.

"If one of the engines failed, the second engine could fly the craft perfectly safely," he said. If both engines failed, the Wessex would be able to make a controlled descent and would be supported by its own automatically inflating dinghy. Investigations were launched by the British Trade Department and Bristow Helicopters, which owned and operated the aircraft. The North Sea's worst helicopter crash was in 1978 when 18 persons died in a Norwegian craft.

## BRIEFS

SEOUL (R) — South Korea announced an amnesty Friday for 1,061 convicted prisoners, including three secretaries of imprisoned dissident Kim Dae-Jung and eight persons jailed for involvement in a rebellion in the southern city of Kwangju in May last year. But the amnesty did not benefit Kim, 55, a presidential candidate in 1971, who is serving a life sentence for sedition. President Chun Doo-Hwan had issued the clemency order to mark the anniversary Saturday of Korea's liberation from 35 years of Japanese occupation at the end of World War II in 1945.

BELGRADE (AP) — Stevan Doronjicki, 62, member of Yugoslavia's top collective leadership and a longtime Communist party figure, died Friday. He has been reported ill with cancer.

NAIROBI, Aug. 14 (R) — U.S. journalist Emily Driscoll died in a Nairobi hospital Friday after being shot in the head by a car robber Thursday night, a hospital spokesman said. Miss Driscoll, 41, worked for the United States International Communications Agency (ICA) and was in Nairobi to cover a United Nations energy conference. She arrived here from Washington on Sunday on her first trip outside the United States, a friend said.

STOCKHOLM (AFP) — Swedish Prime Minister Thorbjorn Faeldin will pay an official visit to India early next February, the Foreign Ministry announced Thursday. Faeldin accepted the invitation when he met Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in Nairobi this week.

# Voyager set to measure Saturn rings

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (R) — The Voyager 2 spacecraft will try to measure the number and width of Saturn's rings when it flies past on Aug. 25, scientists have said. Swooping toward the sunlit side of the planet, Voyager 2 is expected to get far more spectacular pictures than Voyager 1, which arrived on the dark side of the planet last November.

Andrew Stefan, a senior official of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), told reporters Thursday: "The Voyager 2 spacecraft is totally healthy. It is starting to send back pictures of the planet already."

Voyager 1 will try to fill in the gaps left by Voyager 2, NASA scientists said. These include getting high-resolution pictures of Saturn's moons, which did not photograph well last year, and taking a closer look at mysterious spokes and twines in Saturn's vast ring system.

But a top priority for Voyager 2 will be measuring the hundreds of concentric rings which stretch over 40,000 miles above the cloud surface of the gaseous planet. As Voyager 2 flies over the rings, an instrument called a photopolarimeter will be trained on the distant star Delta Scorpii, timing each apparent blink as the star disappears behind a ring and then reappears on the other side.

Voyager 2 will fly 14,300 miles closer to Saturn than Voyager 1 and is expected to get more detailed pictures of the spoke-like lines across the rings and of intertwining rings seen in the earlier mission. Voyager 1 is now flying outward toward interstellar space, the scientists said.

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**Crown devalued 10%**

**Sweden unveils plan to bolster economy**

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 14 (AFP) — The government Monday devalued the Swedish crown by 10 percent in presenting a new economic recovery program for Sweden.

Trying to stimulate the export, reduce the import and combat inflation, the government also proposed to lower the record-high value added tax (VAT) from 23.46 percent to 20.0 percent and to ban all price increases to the end of the year.

The economic package also included other saving measures to go into effect at a later date. The lowering of the VAT, requires approval by parliament. The government did not propose to adjust the 12.0 percent discount rate.

The government coalition of Centrists and Liberals will need the support of the moderate (Conservative) party to gain parliamentary approval. Together the three non-Socialist parties command a one-seat majority in the parliament over the combined left opposition headed by Social Democrats. The Conservatives were expected to back the proposal to lower the VAT.

The devaluation was designed to help exporters, whose sales have been sluggish this year so far. The trade balance remains in surplus at \$ 180 million due to reduced imports. The dollar's rise has produced a jump of 15 to 25 percent in the Swedish crown vis-a-vis the currencies of this country's main customers.

Devaluation will make imported goods less competitive, helping the "buy Swedish" movement and creating jobs. The unemployment rate 2.2 percent with 116,000 people registered out of work, the highest rate since October 1972. Devaluing the currency by 10 percent, as urged by some business interests, will also raise the oil bill and increase the external debt, which is already around \$ 9 billion.

The Swedish government also announced that the value added tax (VAT) would be cut from 23.46 percent to 20 percent beginning in November in a move to boost home demand and jobs. Further moves announced were a price freeze until the end of the year and 600 million crowns (\$ 120 million) to boost jobs.

**Capitalist lurch seen in China**

PEKING, Sept. 14 (AFP) — A move which began timidly last year to turn certain sectors of the Chinese economy over to private individuals and concerns is now going full steam ahead.

The most startling example of what this means for agriculture comes from the southwestern province of Sichuan, where authorities have decided to temporarily decollectivize some areas of land to boost production in areas badly stricken by the catastrophic flooding of the last two months.

This measure, unprecedented since land collectivization in the 1950s, has also been justified on the grounds that it will help the peasants of China's most heavily populated province of 100 million "overcome their difficulties".

A drive for reforestation in Sichuan has also led to more private ownership. The English language *China Daily* recently reported that peasants could now apply for certificates guaranteeing their ownership of mountainous or wooded areas that they had replanted with trees.

Authorities have blamed excessive, uncontrollable deforestation for the seriousness of floods which left nearly 1,000 dead and 1.5 million people homeless in the province.

The moves toward private control of land, officially presented as temporary measures, have been in the offing for the last two years although heretical according to Maoist dogma.

A top Communist official even spoke out publicly in favor of abolishing the people's communes — the keystone of the system of collectivization of farm production set up by Mao Tse-tung.

The Peking Communist regime has also recently increased the amount of land available to China's 800 million peasants for private plots to 15 percent of the country's arable land. The regime has also during the last few months set up various systems for sharing and remunerating agricultural work, such as fixing production quotas at the household level.

This system gives decision making power over quite a range of agricultural issues to peasant families, making them the basic production unit in the countryside — a role hitherto reserved for the production team (or hamlet) grouping 20 or 30 families.

Theoretically the new system does not call into question the land ownership system, as the land is still supposed to belong to the collective.

But in practice, "illegal" land deals are rife in China, with land being sold or exchanged between enterprises and individuals, or production brigades and teams. In the coastal province of Fujian, facing Taiwan, authorities have recently taken the new step of allowing their peasants the "permanent" right to use mountains and beaches as private individuals.

**Oil companies said slashing winter stocks**

LONDON, Sept. 14 (AFP) — Major energy companies have begun deliberately reducing their winter stocks of oil because of high storage costs, the *Financial Times* reported Monday.

"Normally during the July-September period oil companies build up stocks at a worldwide rate of some two million barrels a day" added that latest industry estimates suggest that the companies may be reducing stocks by one million to one and one-half million barrels per day.

The new policy "will leave the industry with a substantially smaller safety margin against a supply crisis or abnormal seasonal demand and could renew pressure on crude oil prices," according to the publication.

"Senior officials of the International Energy Agency (IEA) are concerned that if the trend continues, Saudi Arabia will find it more difficult to gain agreement within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries for a unified pricing system based on a moderate level of \$32 to \$34 a barrel," the *Financial Times* said.

In Jakarta, meanwhile, Mining minister Subroto said the government's decision to lower some oil prices was prompted by the current world market glut, a surplus that has reached more than a million barrels daily.

Dr. Subroto, current president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), said that effective fuel conservation by certain advanced countries could affect OPEC's role in world oil strategy.

Indonesia has lowered the prices of six types of its oil by between 20 and 50 U.S. cents per barrel since Sept. 10, including Arun oil from \$ 38.25 to \$ 38.00 per barrel.

Dr. Subroto admitted that Indonesia was facing some difficulties in selling its heavy duty oils due to the growing glut.

**EEC seeks ways to curb interest rate spiral**

BRUSSELS, Sept. 14 (R) — After being rebuffed by President Ronald Reagan in Ottawa, European Common Market governments are anxiously searching for new ways to bring down interest rates on their side of the Atlantic.

There are no signs that the 10 will come up with any easy formula to insulate themselves from the 20-percent level of U.S. rates and the strong dollar, which have pushed up the borrowing costs in West Europe, delayed recovery from recession and contributed to the worst unemployment of the postwar years.

At any rate the search so far has been fruitless, and economists say that most governments may have to make further cuts in public spending while rigorously fighting inflation to prevent European currencies depreciating against the dollar. Most have lost 20 percent of their dollar value this year.

French Finance Minister Jacques Delors' plan for a two-tier interest rate system has been the only concrete suggestion to emerge since Washington told European leaders at the July Ottawa summit they could not expect a change in U.S. monetary policies.

The plan has received a skeptical though polite response in almost every West European capital, diplomatic sources said. Delors' idea, born out of the Socialist government's determination to resist spending cuts, is to create a dual system of interest rates.

Borrowers at home would have access to relatively cheap finance while interest rates on EEC currencies held outside the community would be in line with U.S. levels.

But such a strategy would involve a complex system of exchange controls to insulate the community's financial markets. West Germany, disenchanted with its own experiment with exchange controls in the early 1970s, would reject any such artificial barriers, the sources said.

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has been careful not to reject the French idea too brusquely, but Central Bank President Karl Otto Poehl has been less inclined to mask his opposition. Delors will be in Brussels this week for a meeting of EEC finance ministers, but it is not clear whether he will push for further study of the two-tier system.

European leaders have been heartened by President Reagan's latest round of spending cuts, but there are lingering doubts that they will be enough to ease the pressure on interest rates.

They believe the cost of credit in the U.S. is likely to stay high, the sources said, though President Reagan is optimistic that rates will fall in the not too distant future when the financial community sees his economic plan is working.

One result for Europe is that industry, **10 nations debate role of banks in aiding farmers**

KARACHI, Sept. 14 (R) — A 10-nation seminar began Monday on the role of central banks in strengthening credits to small farmers in the near east and north Africa.

Delegates from Cyprus, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Pakistan, Sudan, Syria, Somalia, North Yemen and South Yemen are attending the two-week seminar. The seminar is organized by the Near East and North African region Agricultural Association with support of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. Pakistani State (central) Bank Governor A.G.N. Kazi, opening the seminar, said there was a need for an effective institutional credit structure in developing countries for financing agriculture. Agricultural growth in the developing countries had not kept pace with population growth, giving rise to food shortages and increasing reliance on grain imports, he said.

**India gets \$222m Libyan contract**

NEW DELHI, Sept. 14 (AFP) — The state-owned Indian company, National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) has secured another \$222 million contract in Libya for the construction of roads, public buildings and houses, the *Economic Times* daily said Monday.

The corporation is also trying to hag over another contract valued \$444 million for the construction of air strips, electrical institute, and roads, the paper said.

Current corporation projects in Libya include new Ghat airport project, Brak airport, planning and designing of 2,000 houses, construction of 500 houses at Al-Orban, a 120-bed hospital at Ghat and school building at Ghat and Beniwalid.

**2-tier system mooted**

The West Germans have announced steep cuts in state spending and coupled with an improved trade performance this has fueled hopes that record Frankfurt money-market rates will soon fall. Britain's Conservative government is refusing to hedge from its monetarist line in the face of heavy pressure to reflate the depressed economy, but is worried that it may have to raise interest rates to stop sterling's slide against the dollar.

The French Socialist government, risking pressure on the franc, has forced down bank interest rates to 14.5 percent to help its reflation program aimed at reducing unemployment.

The Swiss, on the other hand, have tightened the interest rate screw still further because of fears that a 7.4 percent annual inflation rate was getting out of hand. The result has been a strong boost for the Swiss franc on exchange markets. The EEC monetary committee which groups treasury and central bank officials from the 10 nations, spelled out Europe's own contribution to the high cost of borrowing in a confidential report just ahead of the Ottawa summit.

"In general the level of interest rates can be reduced... by substantially reducing the government deficit," the report said in an obvious reference to the high budget deficits run by many member states. Curbing these shortfalls, particularly in Italy and Belgium, could be a substantial help to the downward movement of interest rates, the sources said.

Britain's chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Geoffrey Howe, who is in the chair at finance councils during the British presidency of the community, is likely to give strong emphasis to this side of community policy, they said. EEC finance ministers are also expected to give more attention to the inflationary impact of the wage indexation systems which operate in some member states, linking wages to the rate of inflation.

The EEC executive has already suggested compulsory curbs on such systems which will be examined by the finance ministers this week. "The only way to insulate ourselves from high U.S. interest rates is to bring down inflation faster in Europe than it comes down in the U.S.," one expert said.

**London Commodities**

	Closing Prices	Monday
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Silver cash (pence per ounce)	611.50	611.50
3 months	636.00	636.00
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Lead cash	448.00	448.00
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Zinc cash	54.00	54.00
3 months	55.50	55.50
Aluminium cash	658.00	658.00
3 months	685.50	685.50
Nickel cash	3205.00	3205.00
3 months	3290.00	3290.00
Sugar October	171.75	171.75
March	180.10	180.10
Coffee September	970.00	970.00
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Cocoa September	1245.00	1245.00
December	1305.00	1305.00

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**Seoul-Lagos sign joint venture pact**

SEOUL, Sept. 14 (AP) — South Korea's Daewoo Industrial Co. has signed a joint venture agreement with Nigeria's Ondo State Corporation to build a galvanized iron sheet plant with an annual production capacity of 10,000 tons in Nigeria, Daewoo said Monday.

The agreement calls for the Nigerian partner to control 80 percent of the joint venture, capitalized at \$1.4 million with Daewoo controlling the remaining 20 percent. Further details were not immediately available.

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**BRIEFS**

NEW DELHI, (AFP) — Indian-Soviet trade totaled some \$6.3 billion in the period 1976-80 against \$1.4 billion in 1961-65, United News of India (UNI) said here Monday. Last year's trade was about \$1.9 billion. Main Indian imports are currently crude oil, fertilizer, non-ferrous metals, asbestos and newsprint. The USSR takes mostly consumer goods, and is India's top buyer accounting for 15 percent of its exports.

WASHINGTON, (AFP) — Several countries receiving food aid from the United States become valuable customers for U.S. farm produce, the department of agriculture reported here. Its economists found that in the year to Sept. 30, 1980, South Korea was the most striking example. Its purchases in this category from the U.S. came to \$1.6 billion, and it rated seventh among countries buying American food.

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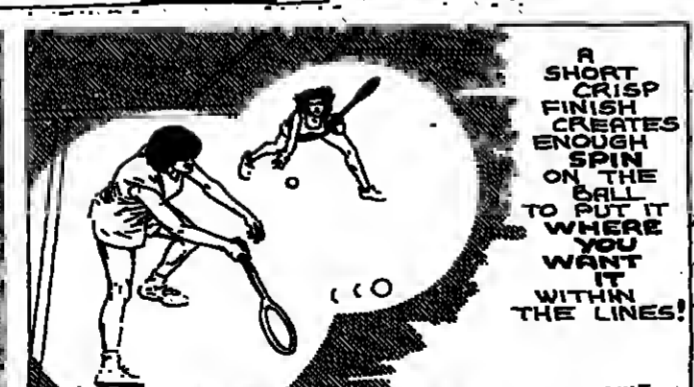
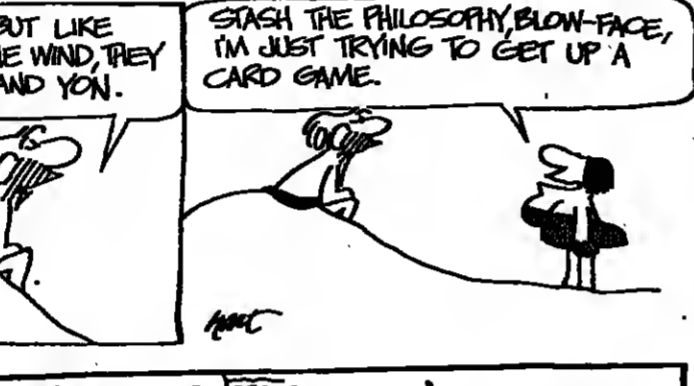
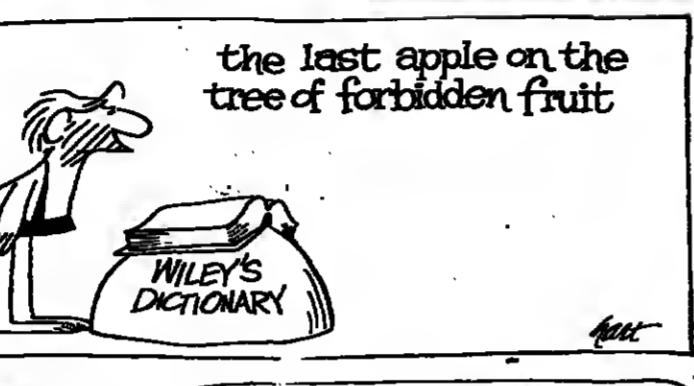
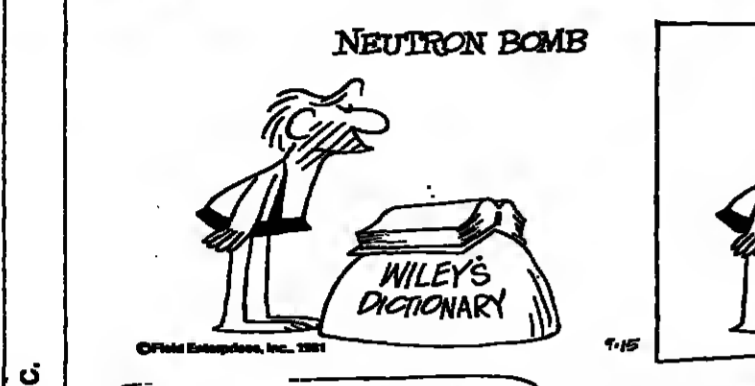
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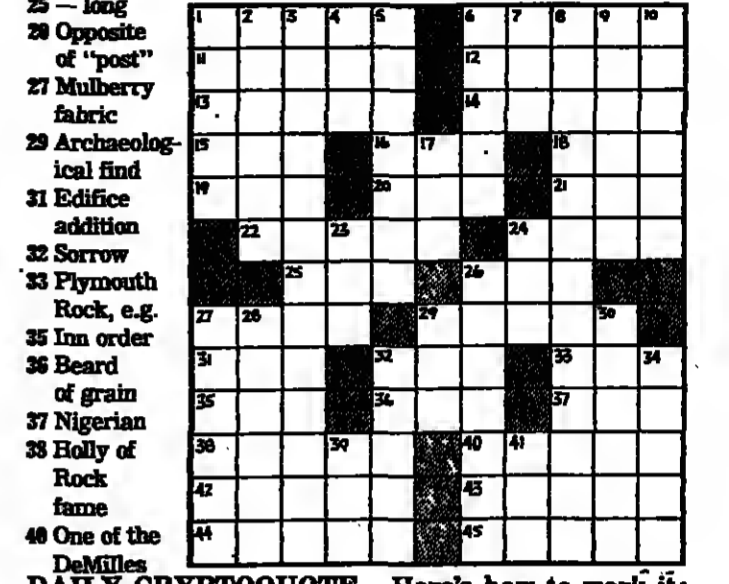
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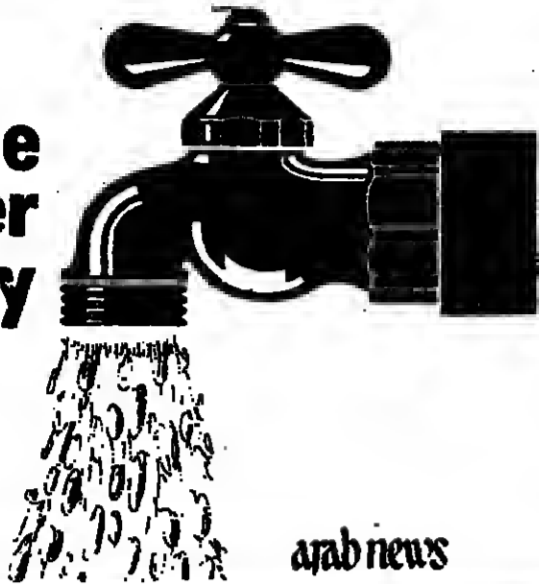
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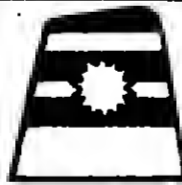
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